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SUBJECT: ANTITRUST: STATUS OF SUITS AGAINST OIL COMPANIES

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1. FOLLOWING ARE BRIEF REPORTS ON STATUS OF FEDERAL CASES AGAINST OIL COMPANIES. JUSTICE AND FTC DO NOT HAVE AUTHORITATIVE INFORMATION ON STATE GOVERNMENT ANTITRUST SUITS IN FLORIDA, CONNECTICUT AND NEW YORK BUT JUSTICE OFFICIAL BELIEVES NON OF THESE SUITS HAVE PROGRESSED BEYOND STAGE OF COMPLAINT AND FIRST ANSWER FROM DEFENDANTS.

2. FTC CASE AGAINST EIGHT LARGEST U.S. OIL COMPANIES, EXXON ET AL, DOCKET NO. 8934, IS CURRENTLY IN THE PRE-TRIAL DISCOVERY STAGE. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE TRIAL WILL NOT COMMENCE FOR SEVERAL YEARS.

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3. ON DECEMBER 18, 1973, THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FILED

A PROPOSED CONSENT DECREE IN ITS SUIT FILED JUNE 12, 1973
AGAINST TEXACO AND COASTAL STATES GAS PRODUCING COMPANY.
THE DECREE WILL BECOME FINAL UPON APPROVAL BY THE COURT
THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE FILING. THE CONSENT DECREE WOULD
RESULT IN CANCELLATION OF THE AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE TWO
DEFENDANTS, ENJOIN TEXACO FROM ACQUIRING COASTAL FOR TEN
YEARS WITHOUT JUSTICE APPROVAL, AND ENJOIN THE TWO
DEFENDANTS FROM ENTERING INTO CRUDE OIL PROCESSING

AGREEMENTS IN AMOUNTS EXCEEDING 45,000 BARRELS A DAY OR
25 PERCENT OF COASTAL'S REFINERY CAPACITY, WHICHEVER IS
LESS. COPY OF JUSTICE PRESS RELEASE AND CONSENT
STIPULATION BEING POUCHED FOR DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER
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